



THE BOOK OF JAMES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK ONE

SERMON RECAP

Life is full of moments where quitting feels easier than continuing. In this message from James, we're reminded that following Jesus doesn't remove trials, it gives them purpose. James challenges us to see hardships not as obstacles, but as opportunities for growth. Trials test our faith, produce perseverance, and shape us into mature believers who lack nothing.

We're also reminded that God generously gives wisdom when we ask, that temptation is not from Him, and that real faith is not just about hearing God's Word, but doing it. The call of this message is simple but challenging: **keep going**. Stay rooted in God, trust Him in the middle of trials, and live out your faith daily.

GET STARTED

Everyone goes through seasons that test their endurance. What is something, big or small, that has required perseverance in your life recently?

When you face challenges, what is your typical first response; push through, withdraw, complain, or seek God? Why do you think that is?

James talks about having faith that perseveres. When you hear the phrase "keep going" in your spiritual life, what comes to mind?

TAKE IT IN

What encouraged or challenged you most from this week's message? Why?

TALK IT OVER

Read **James 1:2–8, 12, 22–25**

James says to "consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds." This can feel unrealistic at the moment. Why do you think James connects joy with trials? How does understanding the *purpose* of trials change the way we experience them?

James explains that trials test our faith and produce perseverance, leading to maturity. How have you seen a difficult season in your life produce growth or strengthen your faith? What are you currently walking through that might be shaping you right now?

In verses 5–8, James encourages us to ask God for wisdom without doubting. Why is it sometimes hard to trust God fully when we're in the middle of a trial? What might it look like for you to ask God for wisdom with confidence this week?

James makes a distinction between hearing the Word and doing the Word. Why do you think it's easy to listen to Truth but struggle to live it out? What are some practical barriers that keep us from being “doers”?

Verses 14–15 explain that temptation comes from our own desires, not from God. Why is it important to understand the difference between trials and temptation? How does this truth change the way we respond when we're struggling?

James uses the image of a mirror to describe someone who hears the Word but doesn't act on it. In what ways can we “forget” what God has shown us? What helps you stay consistent in living out what you learn?

LIVE IT OUT

James reminds us that perseverance leads to maturity and that blessing comes to those who endure. Where is God asking you to “keep going” right now instead of giving up?

This week, identify one specific area where you can move from being a **hearer** to a **doer** of God's Word. What is one action step you will take?

Make time this week to intentionally ask God for wisdom in a situation you're facing. Write down what you sense Him leading you to do, and follow through.

Who is someone you can share your journey with this week for encouragement and accountability?

Memorize:

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12

Prayer:

Father, thank You that You are with us in every trial. Help us to trust You when life is hard and to see challenges as opportunities for growth. Give us wisdom when we ask, and strengthen our faith to keep going. Teach us not just to hear Your Word, but to live it out daily. Shape us into people who are mature, steadfast, and fully devoted to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.